PATENT Appl. No. 10/681,073

Attorney Docket No. 450134-04839

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 5 as follows:

As illustrated in FIG. 1, thickness t of the partition walls 12 is set smaller than distance w between the inner sides of two neighboring partition walls 12 (hereafter, referred to as the interval of partition walls $\frac{13}{12}$). The interval w of these partition walls $\frac{13}{12}$ is set on the basis of the optimum distance w_{opt} (optimum interval) thereof, where the optimum distance w_{opt} is set according to a linear function of the vertical length L of the through-holes 13. More specifically, in the case where the optimum interval of the partition walls 13 is $w_{opt}(m)$, the length of the through-holes 13 is L (m), and the interval of the partition walls 12 is w (m), the optimum interval w_{opt} is set according to the following equation (1).

2 00331406